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SNACK: Kim Kardashian

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● NO WONDER Kim Kardashian has piled on a few pounds, given her snack 'n' sleep approach to her jet-set life.

The curvy reality TV star has revealed how she's found a way to sleep through flights with only a packet of crisps to help her slumber.

● "I like to sleep the second I get on the plane and wake up right as we land," explains Kim, who is currently busy promoting a new diet plan.

"I eat potato chips before the flight because they always make me sleepy, just a couple. I don't know why they do that, but I pretty much sleep through every flight."

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Reverend rock chick Nicola a breath of fresh air for parish



TURNING HEADS: Nicola Halford has spiced up the service in Wexford

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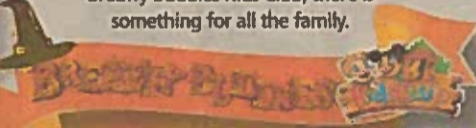
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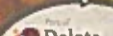
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SHE IS Ireland's very own Reverend Rock Chick.

And she's planning to give Communion the showbiz treatment - when she celebrates a service with the U2-Charist!

The Reverend Nicola Halford has been turning heads since she appeared on the pulpit of one of Ireland's most historic churches, St Iberius's in Wexford town, a month ago.

As curate of the Wexford and Kilsoran Union of Parishes, she preaches in nine churches throughout the county and celebrates two services every Sunday.

And clearly, Ireland's answer to the Vicar of Dibley has a hotline to heaven for music fans - because she's got rockers U2 to let her use their music in a special service next month.

"A lot of their music is very spiritual, so I thought it would go down well," she says.

Ancient

The ancient church in Wexford town's Bull Ring is often used for classical concerts, while several high-brow recitals will be held there during the Opera Festival, but, if Nicola gets her way, its gothic vaults could soon ring out to the sound of Jay-Z!

Nicola confesses to having "bad taste" in music.

"I like some rap and hip-hop, but I'm mostly into mainstream pop. I don't know if I'd get Jay-Z to do a concert here, but that would be great!"

The 32-year-old is the first to admit that she's not your typical cleric.



"People have a certain image of priests, and I don't fit the mould. When I walk down Wexford Main Street people are curious, but so far they've all been welcoming."

"The Catholic priests here have been very encouraging as well."

Nicola, who's a Church of Ireland vicar, won't comment on the lack of women priests in the Catholic Church.

"Relations are very good between the two churches and it's not my place to talk about them, but I've found that being a woman has helped me relate to people. Sometimes people would rather talk to a woman about some issues."

And being a young married woman also helps her blend in with the congregation.

"We have the same issues as other married couples, so we have a lot in common with other people in the community."

Nicola's husband, former pro golfer Ronan Lewis, is happy to let his wife wear the dog-collar.

"He's been very supportive," Nicola says. "When he met me, I was a swimming teacher. We've moved home a few times to follow my career path. We lived in Athy when I first did ministry, part-time."

"Then I uprooted him again to move to Wexford. He was working in McGurk's Golf after he gave up professional golf, but now he's looking for work."

The couple, who have been married five years, have no children, but Nicola finds herself mothering the young members of the congregation.

"I definitely think teenagers

and children relate to me," she says.

She first got a taste for religious life as a child attending Sunday School, and spent her teenage years volunteering on various youth projects, including summer camps while she was working as a swimming instructor.

"I knew I'd end up working in the church at some stage, but I thought I'd wait until I reached my 40s. When I was 24 I got this strong calling to the ministry and I couldn't ignore it. I wanted to take Holy Orders."

Serious

She studied for six years to get a Masters in Theology on a course run by the Church of Ireland through Trinity College Dublin.

"It's not something you can just take up and then leave. They want to make sure you are serious about the ministry."

She was ordained in Dublin's Christchurch last year and served as a deacon in Athy before taking her first role as a fully-fledged priest in Wexford on August 31.

"I'm serving under the Reverend Arthur Minion, it's his parish. I'll have to leave when I get my own parish, but I really want to stay here. I feel at home in Wexford."

And her new fans in Wexford say Amen to that!



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